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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to September 22, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.